

**COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL OF VERMONT  
FACULTY MEETING MINUTES  
Oakledge Park, Burlington VT  
May 24, 2012**

**APPROVED**

**PRESENT:** Charity Baker, Dennis Bonanza, Megan Brown, Jim Candon, Jack Carson, Jeff Cassarino, Kathi Cassidy, Susan Chiefskey, Wade Cole, Chris Cosgrove, John Cross, Pauline Dwyer, Jerry Fortin, Alan Frost, Harmony Harriman, Lisa Harrington, Marlena Hughes, Mike Jenzen, Dan King, Mary Koen, Sue Kuzma, Mike Lacoss, Dana Lesperance, John Long, Paul Major, Troy McAllister, Mo McIntyre, Mary Nelson, Jan Noskey, Wilhelmina Picard, Penny Pizer, Broni Plucas, Mary Poulos, Bob Salzman, Sheila Sayah, Len Schmidt, Angie Stewart, Bill Storz, Sharon Strange, Dave Strong, Claire Swaha, Chad Thompson, Scott Tomlinson, Peter Van Wageningen, Tom Woods

**ABSENT:** Cara Berryman, Laurette Garrand, Barb Hagen, Marybeth Heiskell, Tod Lessard, Eric Marchese, Bobbi Shutts

**Welcome and Announcements** – Wilhelmina

The school is just weeks away from a signed contract for the Student Information System.

The I-Pad initiative has been approved and street campuses will be getting internet access soon.

Wilhelmina will be meeting in Montpelier tomorrow with CHSVT State Board Chair, George Cross and Susan Bartlett about ESL (English Secondary Language) at CHSVT. Susan Bartlett is a special assistant to Governor Shumlin assigned to Corrections.

On June 6<sup>th</sup> Wilhelmina will be meeting with DOE Commissioner Armando Vilaseca, AHS Secretary Doug Racine and DOC Commissioner Andy Pallito to talk about CHSVT and how the three agencies work together. Wilhelmina will be bringing the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) that was created between the agencies and will be highlighting important factors of the MOU for discussion.

**MEDIA REQUESTS:** CHSVT is getting more and more requests for interviews and stories from the media. **YOU MUST LET WILHELMINA KNOW ABOUT THESE REQUESTS!** The Commissioner needs to give the final approval for all interviews/stories.

Facility campuses MAY NOT accept any donated books from outside agencies. There have been security issues that have led to this decision. Street campuses may accept books at their own discretion. A process is in the works to have the Department of Libraries supply books for campus libraries.

The Technology Award was awarded to Bobbi Shutts. The next award will be issued in October. Make sure to send in your nominations!

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Jan Noskey moved to approve the meeting minutes of April 26, 2012. Bob Salzman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.**

## **Display and Recognition of Student Work**

Campuses brought student work to display and time was given for presenting and looking at the incredible work. Nikki, CHSVT intern and former CHSVT student read one of her poems.

## **Retirement Recognition**

Two teachers have retired and one will soon be retiring from CHSVT. Each was recognized today with a plaque and a plant.

Gene Rembisz – 2001-December 2011

Anne Cote – 1988 – May 2012

Sue Kuzma – 2000 – June 2012

The learning center at the Northeast Regional campus has been named the Anne Cote Learning Center in Anne's honor. Anne has been with CHSVT since before it became a school.

It is always bittersweet when we say goodbye to amazing teachers like the three recognized today!

## **Harley Donation to Turning Point**

This year's Harley Bike is being donated to the Turning Point Center of Chittenden County. The center is raffling off the bike and the proceeds will go to the center. *The Turning Point Center is a safe, substance-free environment providing recovery support, social, educational opportunities, & fellowship to anyone actively interested in recovery.* (from their website) Two representatives from the center were available to accept the donated Harley from CHSVT for their program.

## **Professional Development by Jose**

Jose Leavitt, a stand-up comedian who has been teaching arts/comedy to students at the two Burlington campuses, entertained the faculty with her routine.

CHSVT State Board Member Jason Gibbs, stopped by to introduce himself and express his appreciation to the faculty for their dedication to the Community High School of Vermont.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. for our faculty/student BBQ.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Sayah